Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* With regard to the ordinary conduct of the business do they entertain a technical man?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Who is the proprietor, or if there are more than one; who are the proprietors of this company?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* One Mr. P. B. Kurup.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Had the Government any occasion to test the capacity of this company?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On many occasions.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether this Mr. Kurup has been exempted from the necessary qualifications to carry on wiring contracts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether this particular company has undertaken wiring work before this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On many occasions.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* How much money was spent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For Ram Mohan Palace Rs. 18,000 out of which all the fittings were supplied by us. I cannot say how much money was paid to them for the work.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know the other works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For example, the Hill Palace.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has not the Company done the work to the entire satisfaction of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

WATER SUPPLY—CHITTUR TALUK.

25. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) in how many wells did they make bore-holes in Chittur this year;

(*b*) in how many of them did they touch the springs;

(*c*) where are these wells situated;

(*d*) did they find water in the Meenakshipuram well which they bored last year;

(*e*) if not, how do they propose to supply water to that village of about two hundred houses;

(*f*) are they aware that there is a ditch about a mile from the Police Station, Meenakshipuram, in which there will be enough water for this village;

(*g*) will they be pleased to introduce pipe system from that well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Six.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) One is the Vannamada Ooru well and the other the Chittur hospital well.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) About one furlong to the north of the village a new well is being dug by the Panchayats. This well is expected to meet the demands of the people in the locality.

(*f*) It is presumed that the ditch referred to in this question is the low bed of the drainage channel in survey No. 394 of Mulathura village, about one furlong to the north of the village. The site appears to be a good one for a well.

(*g*) Since this well will be only about a furlong from the village, pumping and distribution may not really be necessary as this well will be needed in the driest months of only some years.

Panel of Chairmen.

Mr. President: I have to announce that I have nominated Mr. K. Ayyappan and Mr. P. Govinda Menon to constitute the Panel of Chairmen of this session. I have also to announce that the nomination papers for the election of three members to the Standing Finance Committee should be handed over to the Secretary before 3 p. m. on Friday 21st July 1939.

The Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Bill.—*(cont.)*

Mr. President: The House will now resume the discussion on the Agriculturists' Relief Bill.

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